

What is claimed is:

1. A computer implemented method of analyzing a signal comprising:
 - 5 inputting the signal;
 - extracting a collection of Intrinsic Mode Functions from the signal via Empirical Mode Decomposition;
 - normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Functions; and
 - transforming the normalized Intrinsic Mode Functions with a
 - 10 Hilbert Transform.
2. The computer implemented method as in claim 1, further comprising:
 - analyzing the normalized Hilbert Transform to determine
 - 15 Instantaneous Frequency.
3. The computer implemented method as in claim 1, said step of normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:
 - identifying local maximum values in one of the Intrinsic
 - 20 Mode Functions;
 - constructing an envelope signal from the identified local maximum values;
 - dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the envelope signal; and
 - 25 repeating the above steps for all of the Intrinsic Mode Functions.
4. The computer method as in claim 3, wherein constructing the envelop of the signal includes:
 - 30 connecting all the local maximum values with a cubic spline curve.
5. The computer method as in claim 1, further comprising:

calculating an error index according to the following equation:

$E(t) = [\text{abs}(\text{Hilbert Transform}(y(t))) - 1]^2$, wherein $y(t)$ is the normalized Intrinsic Mode Function.

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6. The computer implemented method as in claim 1, said step of normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:

transforming one of the Intrinsic Mode Functions with a Hilbert Transform;

10 dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the Hilbert Transform; and

repeating the above steps for all the Intrinsic Mode Functions.

15 7. A computer implemented method of analyzing a signal comprising:

inputting the signal;

extracting a collection of Intrinsic Mode Functions from the signal via Empirical Mode Decomposition;

20 normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Functions; and

transforming the normalized Intrinsic Mode Functions with a Hilbert Transform;

calculating an error index according to the following equation:

25 $E(t) = [\text{abs}(\text{Hilbert Transform}(y(t))) - 1]^2$, wherein $y(t)$ is the normalized Intrinsic Mode Function.

8. The computer implemented method as in claim 7, further comprising:

30 analyzing the normalized Hilbert Transform to determine Instantaneous Frequency.

9. The computer implemented method as in claim 7, said step of

normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:

identifying local maximum values in one of the Intrinsic Mode Functions;

5 constructing an envelope signal from the identified local maximum values;

dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the envelope signal; and

repeating the above steps for all of the Intrinsic Mode Functions.

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10. The computer method as in claim 9, wherein constructing the envelop of the signal includes:

connecting all the local maximum values with a cubic spline curve.

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11. The computer implemented method as in claim 7, said step of normalizing the Intrinsic Mode Function including:

transforming one of the Intrinsic Mode Functions with a Hilbert Transform;

20 dividing the Intrinsic Mode Function by the Hilbert Transform; and

repeating the above steps for all the Intrinsic Mode Functions.

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